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Hon. Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

This is with reference to our correspondence last spring regarding the Joint Economic Committee's preparation of a periodic economic report on the USSR. I originally wrote you on March 31 and you replied on April 15.

I understand from staff that your staff and the other contributors have completed their chapters. However, another element has entered the picture. Due to the unfortunate death of our consultant, Dr. Leon Herman, there has been some delay in completion of the report inasmuch as the Committee staff had to undertake it in addition to their many other duties. Since there was a delay, we have decided to ask the contributors to up-date their chapters by bringing in information that became available since the chapters were originally prepared. This is now being done by the participants.

I understand that in the case of your Agency, a specific request is desirable in order to have this up-dating started and I would be pleased if you would regard this as such an official request. We would like to have the up-dated chapters within two weeks in order to make timely issuance of the report.

As you know, we are very appreciative of your help in these reports which my colleagues in the Congress and I find most useful.

Very truly yours,


Hale Boggs
Chairman, Subcommittee
on Foreign Economic Policy

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